

**MINUTES OF MEETING
COMMON COUNCIL
CITY OF MONTICELLO
MONDAY, JUNE 1, 2009**

The meeting of the Common Council, of the City of Monticello, Indiana, was held on, Monday, June 1, 2009, at 6:00 p.m. The meeting was called to order by Kia Roth, winner of the essay contest "If I were Mayor I would...", and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Maddie Voss, also an essay winner.

Roll call, by Clerk Treasurer Liz Oilar, was answered by Mayor Jason Thompson, Council Members Dave Kelly, Jim Mann, Grace Oilar, Bill Smith, and Eric Storm, and City Attorney George Loy.

There being no further additions, deletions, or corrections to the minutes of the meetings on Monday, May 18, 2009, and Wednesday, May 27, 2009 a motion was made by Council Member Grace Oilar, and seconded by Council Member Jim Mann, to approve the minutes as presented. Monday, May 18, 2009 - Four ayes, one abstained, motion carried. Wednesday, May 27, 2009 - All ayes, motion carried.

Mayor Jason Thompson introduced Kia Roth and Maddie Voss. They are the winners of the essay contest "If I were Mayor I would..." at Roosevelt Junior High School. They each received a \$50.00 savings bond from the City of Monticello. Mayor Thompson read each of their essays to the Council and congratulated them. They sat behind the Mayor during the Council meeting.

There was an addition to the agenda - Election of Council President

Department Head Reports

Fire Chief Shane Swaim stated that there is not a lot going on right now. They rapped up the ambulance contract with Jefferson Township and this service should be in force by the end of the week. Training is complete on the new ladder truck. They have started the mandatory class for the volunteers. Josh Anliker, the new part time employee, has started at the department.

Street Superintendent Doug Roberts stated that everything is normal for his department. They have fixed some manholes. Grinding brush is under way. There is two years worth of brush to grind and it is almost finished. This is an expensive service.

Wastewater Superintendent Joe Mowrer stated that he notified R.W Gross and Metcalf that he had received their construction permit from IDEM for the lift stations. He has also received the 6th Street permit so when the State gets the notice to proceed we will be ready to relocate a force main at the intersection of South and 6th Street. He is heading towards completion of the OKRA grant. They have had a few isolated problems at the plant.

Water Superintendent Rod Pool stated that he has a few projects going on at this time. He has been working on the hatches on the filters. The company he is working with has changed the hatch and gasket design. They hope this will fix the problem. Right now he believes the company will cover the cost. Some hydrants are being replaced throughout the City.

Police Chief Curt Blount stated he still has computer problems at the Police Department. They are applying for a grant for new computer software. Chief Blount would like the Council to

provide funding for the server and phone recorder. He has estimated this cost at \$11,390.00. He is currently accepting applications for a full time patrolman.

Parks Superintendent Mitch Billue stated that they hosted 20 softball teams last weekend at Voigt Park. The last security camera has been put in today.

Council Member Jim Mann reopened the issue of the Police Department's problems with the computer system. The Council discussed the funding with the Chief. He can provide some funds, but not enough to cover the cost. After further discussion, Council Member Jim Mann made the motion to table this decision until the June 15, 2009 Council meeting, seconded by Council Member Grace Oilar. All ayes, motion carried.

Committee Reports

Council Member Dave Kelly discussed the issue of the parking at McDonald's. Council Member Jim Mann talked with the owners of McDonald's and they were not aware that there was a problem. Council Member Kelly called Tim Marker who is head of the traffic division of the LaPorte sub district. He said all the City would need is a resolution from the Council or letter from the City requesting assistance with creating a no parking zone along that turn lane. They will provide the signs. After discussion, Council Member Dave Kelly made the motion to proceed with the letter to the State Department of Transportation, attention Tim Marker, to authorize the installation of no parking and turn lane signs in front of McDonald's, one at each entrance, seconded by Council Member Bill Smith. All ayes, motion carried.

Permission to Sell Raffle Tickets for Beckwith - Wiedann Children's Foundation

No one from this organization attended tonight's meeting.

Consideration of Ball Corporation's Compliance with Statement of Benefits - Christine Craig

Ross Rittberg and Christine Craig addressed the Council. Mr. Rittberg stated that they could not make enough of the new bottles. Employment is good and they recently hired three new employees. They are very pleased. Council Member Bill Smith made the motion to approve Ball Corporation's Compliance with Statement of Benefits, seconded by Council Member Grace Oilar. All ayes, motion carried.

Consideration of Home Occupation Application - Area Plan

Mayor Jason Thompson stated that this application is for a beauty shop at the applicant's home in an accessory building - 614 S. Maple Street, Monticello, IN 47960. This is a new Area Plan process. Council Member Jim Mann made the motion to approve the home occupation application, seconded by Council Member Eric Storm. All ayes, motion carried.

Consideration of Ordinance 2009-11; Amendment to White County Zoning Ordinance - Amendment of Nonconforming Districts

Council Member Jim Mann stated that this is clarification from the previous ordinance about Chapter 4, nonconforming districts. Council Member Jim Mann made the motion to approve Ordinance 2009-11, seconded by Council Member Grace Oilar. All ayes, motion carried.

Consideration of Ordinance 2009-12; Amendment to White County Zoning Ordinance - Amendment of Words & Phrases Defined

Council Member Jim Mann stated that this is clarification of words and phrases related to Chapter 14, defining lot lines. Council Member Jim Mann made the motion to approve Ordinance 2009-12, seconded by Council Member Grace Oilar. All ayes, motion carried.

Election of Council President

Mayor Jason Thompson addressed the Council about the election of the Council President and Liaisons to the Department Heads. He would like the Council President to have weekly meetings with him and the Council Liaisons to have weekly meetings with their respective Department Heads. Mayor Thompson stated that the Board of Works is responsible for the oversight of Water and Wastewater Utilities and a liaison is not necessary. Council Member Grace Oilar will continue to be the Park's Department Liaison. Council Member Dave Kelly will continue to be the Fire Department Liaison. Council Member Bill Smith will be the Street Department Liaison, and Council Member Eric Storm will continue to be the Police Department's Liaison. Council Member Eric Storm made the motion to elect Council Member Jim Mann as Council President, seconded by Council Member Dave Kelly. Four ayes, one abstained, motion carried.

There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Liz Oilar
Clerk Treasurer